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ASSISTANCE FROM WORLD BANK TO PRIMARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank President has offered to provide greater support to the Government's programme for universalising the primary education;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) : The World Bank had announced on 12th June, 2002 that 23 countries (including India) would be invited to join the "Education For All - Fast Track" to help developing countries to meet the Millennium Development Goal of providing every girl and boy with quality primary school education by 2015. These resources − roughly half of which will be grants and half loans will be additional to other multilateral bilateral assistance available for primary education such as IDA. Government of India has already launched the National Programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to univeralise elementary education by 2010. Government has decided to receive external assistance depending upon its availability as an earmarked sum to fill-up the resource gap for funding of SSA.